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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIO INFORMATION

REF: MADRID 03893

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. EMBASSY PRETORIA REQUESTED UPDATE OF OUR BIO INFORMATION ON HATTINGH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND, DESPITE REMINDERS, THE DFA HAS NOT RESPONDED. THERE FOLLOWS, THEREFORE, OUR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION. IF ANYTHING FURTHER BECOMES AVAILABLE, WE WILL PASS IT ON TO MADRID.

2. ALBERT LAMBERTUS HATTINGH WAS BORN IN 1925. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE. HE IS MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN. HATTINGH IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO SERVED IN CAIRO FROM 1951-1957 AND AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK FROM 1963-67. IN 1964 HE WAS A SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATE TO UNCTAD IN GENEVA, AND IN 1965 REPRESENTED SOUTH AFRICA AT THE MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION MEETING. FOLLOWING HIS NEW YORK ASSIGNMENT HE WAS APPOINTED SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN BEIRUT. HATTINGH IS FLUENT IN
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ARABIC, FRENCH AND GERMAN, AS WELL AS ENGLISH AND AFRIKAANS.

3. USUN REPORTED IN 1967 THAT HATTINGH FAVORS CLOSE TIES WITH THE WEST AND GOOD TRADE RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN POLICY. HE IS REPORTEDLY A "CONVINCED PROPONENT OF APARTHEID", BUT

"TACTICALLY FLEXIBLE." HE IS KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS
"BERTY."

4. OUR BIO FILE ON HATTINGH ENDS IN 1967.
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